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**JOE SERNA, JR. FARMWORKER HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM  
MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING  
AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 TO 2006-2007  
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) dated January 18, 2007**

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) issued a NOFA for the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program (Serna Farmworker Housing Program), Multifamily Rental Housing on January 18, 2007 and an Amendment to the NOFA dated January 24, 2007. The NOFA offers funds on an over-the-counter basis through April 27, 2007.

This amendment makes the following modifications:

1. The second paragraph in Section A. Introduction is modified to change the date that applications will be accepted from February 9 to February 20.

Applications will be accepted on an "over the counter" basis until available funds are exhausted. Applications will be accepted beginning at 8:00 a.m., Pacific Standard Time, on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 and until 5:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time, on Friday, April 27, 2007 or until such time before April 27<sup>th</sup> that the Department has received what it determines to be a sufficient number of applications to reasonably use all funds currently available. HCD reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to suspend, amend, or modify the provisions of this NOFA. If such an action occurs, HCD will notify all interested parties.

2. The definition for "Eligible Sponsor" as modified in the Amendment to the NOFA dated January 24, 2007 is expanded to include the definition of a limited liability company to mean a limited liability company where all members are nonprofit public benefit corporations.

"Local public entities, non-profit corporations, limited liability companies where all members are nonprofit public benefit corporations, and limited partnerships (where all of the general partners are nonprofit public benefit corporations or limited liability companies where all members are nonprofit public benefit corporations) are eligible to apply and receive grants, loans or a combination of both. The Department will evaluate all nonprofit applicants, including the roles of the nonprofit general partner(s) in a limited partnership. The nonprofit entity will be reviewed to determine if adequate staffing levels exist to undertake and complete the project."

3. The following is added as the third paragraph to Section C. Application Review and Evaluation.

Applications under this NOFA are received by the Department on the “over the counter basis.” It is conceivable that the Department may receive a group of applications requesting funds that collectively exceed the amount of funds available under the NOFA. If that event occurs, and the total of the request for funds in those applications exceeds the amount of the remaining funds available under the NOFA, the Department will give strong consideration to the “Priorities in the use of funds” under Section 7212 of the Regulations for the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program in selecting applications to fund with the remaining funds available.

4. The following is added as the second paragraph to Section N. Market Study and Appraisal.

Rehabilitation projects that have served the agricultural population for a minimum of the five previous years and which have United States Department of Agricultural Rural Development (USDA RD) funding and/or subsidy may submit the previous three year rental history as the required market study. The rental history must verify that a tenant is an agricultural employee and include tenant income, amount of rent paid by the tenant, subsidy amount, yearly vacancy rate and any information concerning a waiting list or other information to indicate the need for the housing.

Questions related to this Amendment to the NOFA and to the Serna Farmworker Housing Program in general should be directed to Multifamily Housing Program staff at (916) 323-3178 or by email to [MultifamilyHousingSection@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:MultifamilyHousingSection@hcd.ca.gov). Program information is available as well on the Serna Farmworker Housing Program website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/fwhg/>.

Thank you for your interest in the Serna Farmworker Housing Program.

Sincerely,

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Acting Deputy Director